

WILEY B. ROBERTS, Sworn for the State. I am a deputy sheriff, serving at the county jail from about 7 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. each day. I have charge of the work of the cleaning of the jail and the feeding of the prisoners and looking after the inside of the jail generally. I have this work performed by persons who are serving jail sentences and who are in the nature of trusties and also by persons who are waiting trial and who volunteer to assist in this work, in order to have more liberty in the jail. I know James Conley, who is confined in a cell wing known as the first north, and no other person being lodged therein except Conley. I know Annie Maud Carter, who was a negro woman prisoner and who was lodged in the cell wing known as the third west. While Annie Maud Carter was a prisoner at the jail or at least a portion of the time, I used Annie Maud Carter as a helper in laundry work, washing and ironing clothes. A portion of the time her work was upon the fourth floor, where the laundry was located, and a portion of the time upon the fifth floor, in what is generally known as the medicine room, in which she did a large portion of her ironing. I never saw Annie Maud Carter in the cell wing of James Conley, nor even at the door. We did our best to keep this cell wing door of Conley's looked at all times. It was necessary in the cleaning of the jail and in the feeding of Conley to allow trusty prisoners, under our supervision, to enter Conley's cell wing only long enough to discharge their duties, and then to leave this cell wing and the door was locked. All of these trusties used in Conley's cell wing were male trustees. Annie Maud Carter was never used in Conley's cell wing for any of this wrk, and to the best of my knowledge never entered Conley's cell wing, nor did I ever see her about the door. I did not ever see any notes pass between Conley and Annie Maud Carter, and never heard of any until within the last few days. We understood that there was specific orders to keep every one away from Conley's cell wing and we did our best to comply with this order. I knew George Wren, who was known as Dr. Wren, and who was a white trusty prisoner. He assisted Dr. Hurt the county physician, in caring for the sick at the jail, and for this work he was also used as a trusty prisoner. He slept in the hospital on the fifth floor and got his medicines from the medicine room. I have seen him talk to Annie Maude Carter. I know Annie Maud Carter's general character and reputation while she was at the jail, and that general character and reputation was bad, and I would not believe her on oath. I know of no occasion for Annie Maude Carter being upon the first floor of the jail, as her work called for her to be on the fourth or fifth floor ordinarily. If she had any opportunity I never knew it, and I was constantly on duty during the hours I have named.